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# **Family Planning Clinical Practice Guidelines September 2001 Edition**

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### **DISCLAIMER**

The 2001 edition of our Clinical Practice Guidelines is the result of months of careful deliberation, literature review, and consultation. Patients evaluated or treated for contraception by PHSKC clinics or personnel should be managed in accordance with these guidelines. However, no guideline can encompass all clinical circumstances and for almost all conditions alternative diagnostic methods or treatments exist.

Whenever a patient is evaluated or treated for contraception in a manner not explicitly defined in the Family Planning guidelines or in future directives that modify the guidelines, the reason should be clearly documented in the patient's medical record. Not all recommended tests or treatments will be available in all service centers, due to cost or other factors.

### **OTHER RESOURCES**

For a more in-depth discussion of management options for contraception the reader is referred to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of Contraception Technology (see <http://www.managingcontraception.com/store/>) An online pocket version is available at <http://www.managingcontraception.com/pocket.html>. Referral to the WHO Family Planning guidelines can also be accessed at [http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR\\_00\\_2\\_medical\\_eligibility\\_criteria\\_second\\_edition/index.htm](http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR_00_2_medical_eligibility_criteria_second_edition/index.htm). Copies of the WHO family planning publications can be ordered by contacting [rhrpublications@who.int](mailto:rhrpublications@who.int). This program is a Title X program under the federal guidelines (<http://www.gov.opal>).

### **UPDATES**

These guidelines will be posted on the wide world web and as updates become necessary, they will be posted on the site (<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/famplan/clinicguide/cgtoc.htm>). All documents there will have the date of the last revision of the document.